

Specification Amendments:

1. Page 1, lines 6-9, cancel the present text and substitute:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the National Stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. PCT/US03/13984 filed 5 May 2003 which claimed the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/377,517 filed 3 May 2002.

2. Page 1, lines 21-28: amend the text of that paragraph as follows:

SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) Standard J560 as revised July 1998 and first issued July 1951 ~~, a copy of which is attached,~~ is incorporated by reference hereinto. SAE J560 is a standard observed in the US heavy duty trucking industry. The purpose of that standard is to assure physical and functional compatibility in the electrical connectors relied on in that industry to electrically connect any tractor to any trailer without the use of adapters.

3. Page 1, line 31 to page 2, line 13: Amend the text of that paragraph as follows:

An effective connection of a heavy duty truck trailer to a truck tractor, either directly or via another trailer, includes a multi-function electrical connection. The connection is made by use of a cable having multiple (preferably seven) wires within it and connectors at the ends of the cable. SAE J560 governs the functions of those wires and of the terminals in the plug-like connector moieties at the cable ends and in the corresponding socket-like connector moieties with which the cable-end connectors are mateable. SAE J560 also governs the relative positions ~~positions~~, the geometries and the dimensions of those matable connector moieties. Pursuant to SAE J560, the cable-end moieties are defined as plugs having female contact terminals, and the other moieties (mounted to the tractors and the trailers) are defined as sockets having male contact terminals.